

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Arthur Harris BLWt1271-200
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State of Maryland }
County of Baltimore to wit }

I, Rebecca I. Ward, (widow) heir at law of Arthur Harris, do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that said Arthur Harris, was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1779, for the term of during the war, and served in the 5th Maryland Regiment under the command of Colonel [blank] of the [blank] line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until [blank]

I further declare, that I never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to Arthur Harris on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever; therefore [power of attorney]

[signed 15 Feb 1828] Rebecca I. Ward

City of Baltimore, Sct: On this 14th February 1828, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said City, Charles R. Hardesty and made oath, that the above named Rebecca I. Ward is now a widow, her husband having died some time in the year Eighteen Hundred and twenty on the same day appeared John Golden about 60 years of age and makes oath said Rebecca J Ward is a widow that her Husband William Ward died in the year Eighteen Hundred and twenty (in the month of Nov)

State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore }

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said City Rebecca I. Ward, (Widow) and made oath in due form of Law, that she is the Sister and one of the heirs at Law of Benjamin Harris who was devisee of Arthur Harris late a Lieutenant in the fifth Maryland Regiment of the Revolutionary Army and that the said Arthur Harris died in the year 1788 without leaving a widow, Child, Father or Mother, but did leaver Brothers and Sisters viz.

Benjamin and William. Betsy, Sarah, Mary, Eleanor, Ann, and Myself; Benjamin died without will, wife, or issue. William died leaving six Children. Ann died leaving two. The rest died without either Child or husband.

[signed] Rebecca I Ward

Sworn and Subscribed before me on this fifth day of March 1828 T Middleton

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the City aforesaid, James Hollingshead and James Heighe[?] and are Credible and disinterested witnesses, and made oath in due form of Law that they are acquainted with the above mentioned person, and that they are the reputed heirs of Arthur Harris, who died as above mentioned.

[signed] James Hollingshead James Heighe

In the name of God. Amen I Arthur Harris of Calvert County being low, and weak, but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament revoking all wills by me heretofore made in manner and form following that is to say — First I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, for Mercy and my body to be decently buried by my Executor.

Item My will is that my just debts be first paid out of my Estate by my Executor.

Item. I give unto my sister Rebecca Ireland Harris a Certificate of five hundred dollars out of my final settlement Certificates. I also give unto my sister Rebecca aforesaid my Negro man named Jack.

Item. I give unto my sister Betty Harris five hundred dollars out of my final Settlement Certificates. I also give unto my sister Betty aforesaid a Negro boy named Harry.

Item. I give unto my sister Eleanor Harris one hundred dollars out of my final Settlement Certificates.

Item. Whereas I have been an officer in the Continental Service, and there is due me a quantity of Land for said services, my will is and I give all the said Land that may be belonging to me as an officer or soldier as aforesaid unto my brother Benjamin Harris him and his

heirs for ever, I also give unto my aforesaid brother Benjamin Harris four hundred dollars out of my final Settlement Certificates.

Item. The remainder of my Estate both real and personal after all my just debts are paid I give unto my aforesaid brother Benjamin Harris, Eleanor Harris, Betty Harris and Rebecca Ireland Harris, to be equally divided between them or their heirs.

Lastly I hereby appoint and nominate my brother Benjamin Harris whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. hereby revoking all former wills or wills heretofore by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of March Seventeen hundred and eighty seven. Arthur hisXmark Harris

NOTE: The following appears in the list of Lieutenants on a document made after 1 Jun 1781 entitled "Arrangement of the Maryland Line" in the column headed "Second Regiment" commanded by Col. John Gunby: "Arthur Harris Oct'r 26th '79." Arthur Harris also appears on an undated list entitled "Maryland Officers who have been Prisoners."